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THE MACKENZIE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Scenic adventure through almost untouched wilderness awaits the motorist along the Mackenzie Highway System, an extension of the Peace River Highway network. It begins at Grimshaw, Alberta, and runs all the way to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, on the northern shore of Great Slave Lake, a distance of 638 highway miles.

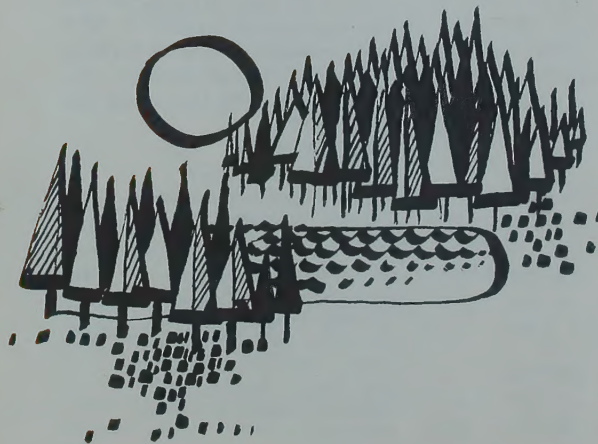
There are three major routes in the Mackenzie Highway System—the Mackenzie Highway itself, the Hay River Highway and the Great Slave Highway. They penetrate some of Canada's most ruggedly beautiful northland areas. One drives past creeks and rivers, waterfalls and jackpine ridges, with occasional tiny settlements the only signs of human habitation. The first 55 miles of the system, from Grimshaw to Manning, are paved; the remaining mileage is maintained gravel with some summer construction work.



This is no trip for the impulse traveller. One must plan, and plan with care. But the rewards are considerable. Accommodation, meals, gasoline and oil and garage services are available at most of the settlements, with gasoline averaging 45c a gallon. The prices of accommodation vary with the location, i.e. Hay River prices are less than those at Yellowknife. Rooms can be obtained for \$6.00 per person per day up, with meals ranging from 75c to \$3.50. Several campsites are being developed, and there are many other suitable if undeveloped locations for campers along the system.

Frost is not uncommon there even in summer, and warm clothing should be taken as well as the usual summer wear. There are as many as twenty daylight hours per day in the month of June, and the area averages eight hours of bright sunshine each day at that time of year. Prudent travellers take insect repellents for protection against flies and mosquitoes.

There are many scenes of beauty along the tri-highway system. Alexandra Falls, near the settlement of Enterprise, is one of the most striking, where the Hay River plunges 109 feet from a broad ledge into a gorge. Another cataract, not directly on the highway, but only a short walk away, is Louise Falls, 46 feet high.



PROVINCIAL APPROACH ROADS

From the United States boundary and from the provincial boundaries of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the main highways through Alberta to Edmonton, its capital, are paved. The most direct Edmonton-Grimshaw route is via Highways 16, 43, 34 and 2. The entire route (321 miles) is paved except for 47 miles north of Valleyview which may be paved during 1961. The other approach (Highway 2) is paved to Clyde, about 50 miles north of Edmonton.

From the British Columbia-Washington border Highway 97 extends to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, which can be reached also from Vancouver via Highways 1 and 97. These routes are mostly paved. From Dawson Creek one drives to Grimshaw via Highways 49 and 2.

The main approach from Regina, Saskatchewan to Edmonton, Alberta is via Highways 11, 5 and 16. The entire route is paved.

Road reports for Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia are available from the respective travel organizations: the Saskatchewan Travel Bureau, 1819 Cornwall Street, Regina, Saskatchewan; Alberta Government Travel Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta; and the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, Victoria, British Columbia.



ROAD CONDITIONS

Mackenzie Highway—Alberta #35 and N.W.T. #1

It is paved for the first 55 miles from Grimshaw to Manning. From this point to Fort Providence it is a gravel-surfaced all-weather route maintained in good condition by the Government of Alberta and the Federal Government.

During the ice-free season the "M.V. Snare" provides a temporary ferry service across the 4,500 foot-wide Mackenzie River at Fort Providence. A permanent ferry service is scheduled in the latter part of the summer of 1961. In winter, traffic can cross this vast waterway via an ice-bridge.

Each spring and fall there is a short interruption in traffic movement at this point. The road is closed during late May and early June because of the ice break-up, and in late October to early December due to the freeze-up.

Hay River Highway—N.W.T. #2

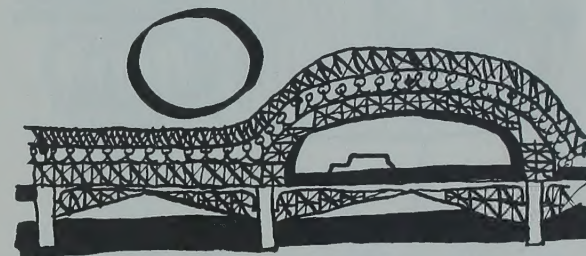
This highway was a section of the original Mackenzie Highway. It stretches from Enterprise to Hay River a distance of approximately 28 miles. The road is a gravel surfaced all-weather highway maintained in good condition.

Great Slave Highway—N.W.T. #3

The Great Slave Highway, recently completed, is an extension of the Mackenzie Highway System, linking Fort Providence with Yellowknife, largest community in the Northwest Territories.

The first 30 miles of the highway from Fort Providence to Frank Channel, and the 20 miles immediately north of Yellowknife, have been completed to a 24 foot width. The route is paved for 3.5 miles from Yellowknife north to the Yellowknife Airport. A new highway is now under construction between Fort Providence and Fort Rae. The total length of this highway is 136.7 miles, with the completion date set for 1961.

A modern structural steel bridge, 680 feet long, has been built across the northwest arm of Great Slave Lake at Frank Channel; it is now in use.



General Remarks

Some reconstruction work is in progress along the Highway System and during 1961 the Mackenzie Highway will be under reconstruction in the following areas:

Alberta between Mile 15 and Mile 66

Alberta between Mile 205 and Mile 300 (Northwest Territories border)

Northwest Territories between Alberta border and Enterprise

Final gravelling on the new Great Slave Highway between Fort Providence and Rae will still be underway during early summer. During construction a good highway will be maintained for the travelling public.

Road reports will be available for each of the highways from the Northwest Territories Tourist Office, Kent-Albert Building, Ottawa, Canada and the Alberta Government Travel Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

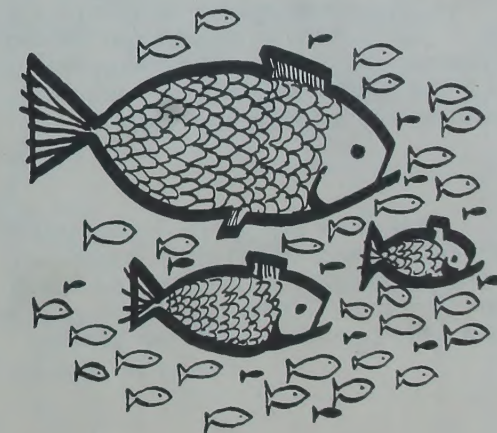
BUS SERVICE

Canadian Coachways operate a bus service from Edmonton to Hay River and Yellowknife and intermediate points three times weekly. The trip takes 30 hours and the round trip fare is approximately \$70.00.

Detailed information on rates and schedules may be obtained from Canadian Coachways Limited, 10805—120th Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

FISHING

Fishing in the Northwest Territories is permitted under licence and during open seasons. Lakes and streams are teeming with Arctic grayling, Arctic char and northern pike, but the biggest species and main drawing card is lake trout. The cost of a non-resident fishing licence is \$2.00. Complete



information and up-to-date summaries of regulations can be obtained from the Northwest Territories Tourist Office, Kent-Albert Building, Ottawa, Canada. Information and regulations applicable to Alberta are available from the Alberta Travel Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

When angling in the Northwest Territories it is advisable to hire the services of a local guide. Arrangements for guides who are experienced bushmen may be made locally.



CANOE TRIPS

There are many inviting opportunities for canoeists in the Northwest Territories. Recommended routes, outlines, sketch maps and other pertinent information concerning

the trips listed below are obtainable on request from the Northwest Territories Tourist Office, Kent-Albert Building, Ottawa, Canada.

Canoe trips in the Mackenzie District include; Fort McMurray to Fort Smith—Fort Smith to Hay River—Hay River to Fort Simpson—Fort Liard to Nahanni Valley—Fort Smith to Fort Reliance and Fort Smith to Yellowknife.

HUNTING

Hunting in the Northwest Territories by non-residents is generally restricted to upland game birds and migratory waterfowl. In addition, however, the Territories also offer the only wild buffalo hunt in North America. The buffalo hunt is held in an area north of Fort Smith near Wood Buffalo National Park. Particulars on buffalo hunt regulations and on local conditions can be obtained by writing to J. E. Bryant, Superintendent of Game, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS

Topographical maps can be purchased from the Map Distribution Office, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa, Canada, or from the Administrator of the Mackenzie, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. The price is 25c each, Canadian funds.



Upper Hay River	Hudson's Bay Post, Restaurant, Gasoline (9 A.M. to 5 P.M. only)
Steen Creek	Restaurant, Service Station, Gasoline

Telephone and/or Telegraph Service

PICNIC SITES

A number of picnic sites are already in use along the Mackenzie Highway System and others are being developed. Picnic tables, shelters, rock incinerators, fireplaces, toilets, wood and water are provided at each of the following sites:

N.W.T.-Alberta Border

Located to right of the Mackenzie Highway 82 miles south of Hay River. There is a 1,400 foot gravelled access road to the area located on the bank of the Hay River. A picnic site and camping facilities are provided.



Alexandra Falls

Forty-six miles north of the Border and 35 miles south of Hay River. Falls are 109 feet high. There is a parking area at the Falls and 500 feet south of the Falls area adjacent to the highway.

Louise Falls

Situated two miles north of Alexandra Falls and 33 miles south of Hay River. It is approximately three-tenths of a mile via an access road to the parking area. There is a trail through the woods to the Falls.

Escarpment Creek

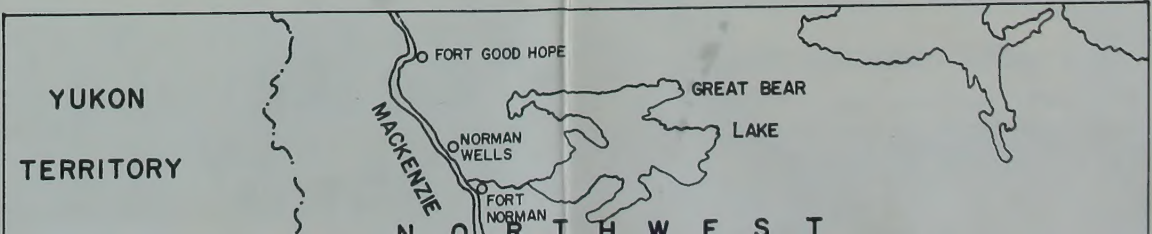
Located two miles north of Louise Falls and 31 miles south of Hay River. One hundred yards in from the highway. A line of trees acts as a dust barrier. Site is adjacent to a fast-flowing stream and waterfall.

Kakisa River

On the Mackenzie Highway 51 miles from Enterprise. Area is located 600 feet past Kakisa River Bridge. On the right there is a tenting area planned to open in 1961 or '62. A trail leads to a small falls.

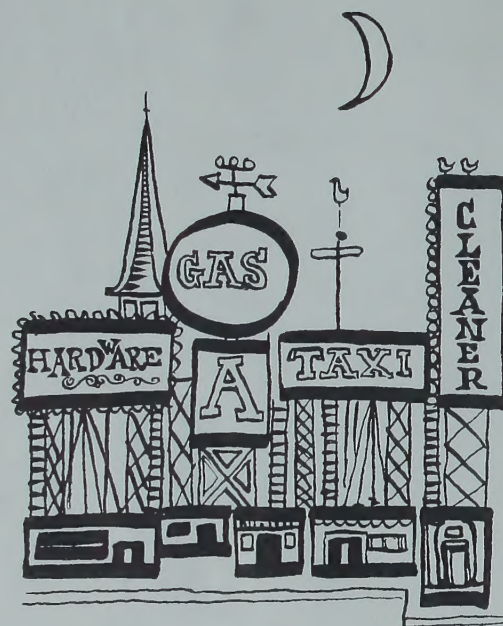
Lady Evelyn Falls

About 54 miles north from Enterprise on the Mackenzie Highway there is a road leading to Kakisa Lake. Site is situated adjacent to this road and one hundred yards in from the highway. There is a line of trees serving as a dust barrier and a trail leading to the Falls.



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ACCOMMODATION AND ROADSIDE FACILITIES

Location	Service and Facilities	Telephone and/or Telegraph Service
Grimshaw	Hotel (25 rooms)	
Manning	Hotel (19 rooms) Licenced Premises, Restaurant, Service Station	
Hotchkiss	Gasoline	
Keg River	Gasoline (Emergency only)	
Paddle Creek	Gasoline, Cafe	
High Level	Cabins, Cafe (open 24 hours), Service Station	

Upper Hay River	Hudson's Bay Post, Restaurant, Gasoline (9 A.M. to 5 P.M. only)
Steen Creek	Restaurant, Service Station, Gasoline (Summer months)

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N.W.T. BORDER

Enterprise	Service Station, Minor Repairs, Cabins, Gasoline, Restaurant
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Note: There is only one cafe and service station west from Enterprise to Yellowknife a distance of approximately 290 miles. PERSONS TRAVELING THIS ROUTE SHOULD CARRY AN EXTRA SUPPLY OF GASOLINE.

Hay River	Good Accommodation, Service Station, Churches, Service Clubs, Private Radio Station, Swimming, Hardware Store, General Stores, Barber Shop, Cleaners, Taxi, Hudson's Bay Post, Cafes, Liquor Store.	Yes
Fort Providence	R.C.M.P. Depot, Govern- ment Radio and Metro- logical Station, Landing Field, Post Office, Trad- ing Post, Private Com- mercial Radio Station, Roman Catholic Mission and Residential School, Cafe—Gasoline. (Open 8:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. Gas- oline at any time in emergency).	
Rae	R.C.M.P. Depot, Post Office, Trading Post, Private Commercial Radio Station, Roman Catholic Mission and Hospital	
Yellowknife	Good Accommodation, Bus Lines, Electric Power, Sewage Disposal, Taxis, Hospital, Weekly News- paper, Golf, Skating, Curl- ing, Beach, Banks, Radio Station, Churches, Liquor Store.	Yes

Louise Falls

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